



# EMAC Overview

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# What is EMAC?

## Emergency Management Assistance Compact

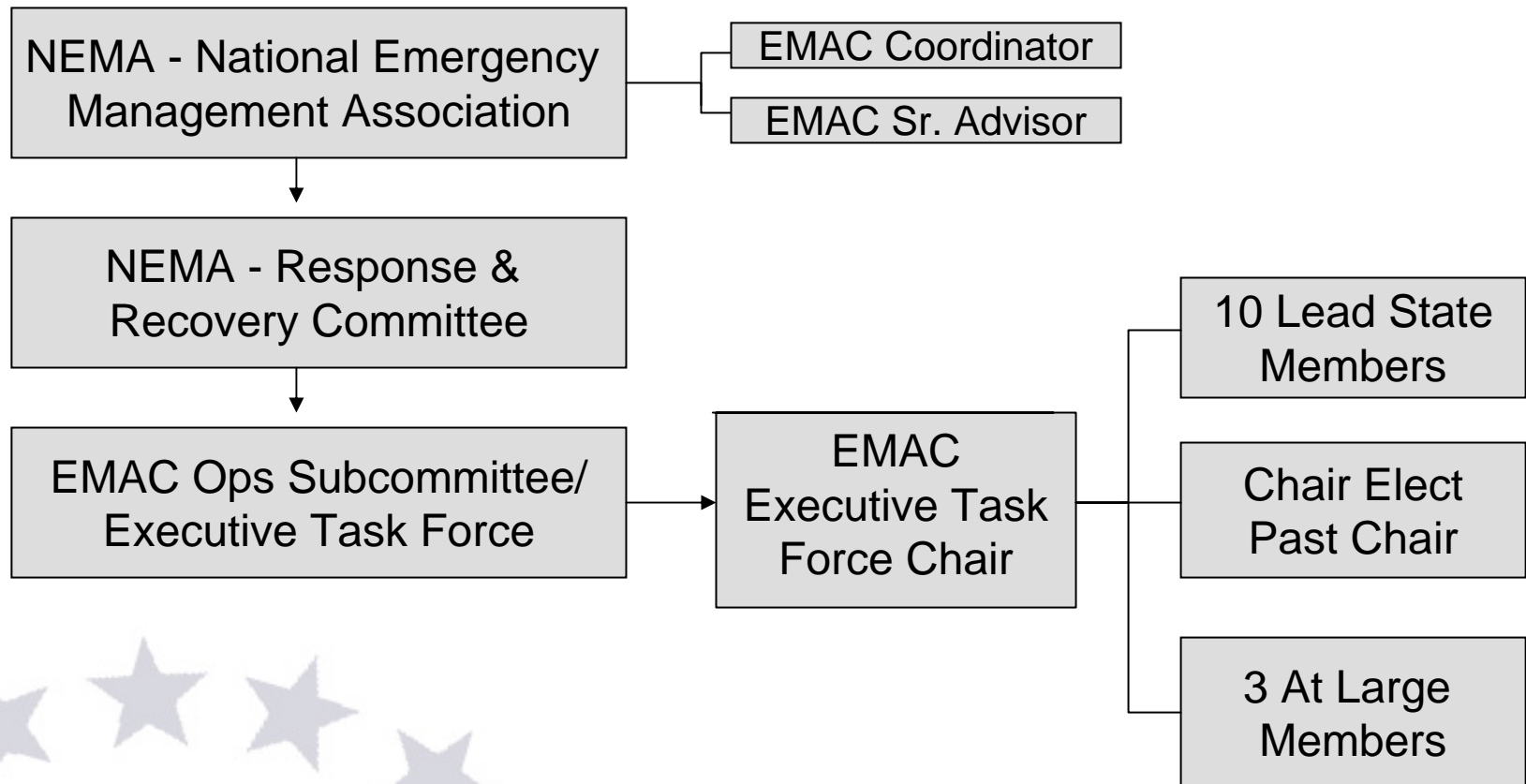
- Interstate Compact that Facilitates State to State Mutual Aid
- Ratified by US Congress in 1996
- Signed Into Law in Each Member State
- Administered By NEMA, the National Emergency Management Association



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# EMAC Governing Structure



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# EMAC Mission

Facilitate the efficient and effective sharing of resources between member states during times of disaster or emergency.





# EMAC Vision

EMAC, the cornerstone of  
national mutual aid.

“ The use of EMAC will become institutionalized and  
automatic within the emergency management  
community and the various emergency support  
functions.”





Why is EMAC Successful?



# EMAC Key Provisions

- “Employees . . . rendering aid . . . shall be considered agents of the requesting state for tort liability and immunity purposes”
- “. . . any party state rendering aid . . . shall be reimbursed by the party state receiving aid for any loss or damage to or expense incurred . . .” (*requesting state*)





# EMAC Key Provisions

- “...the state rendering aid may withhold resources to the extent necessary to provide reasonable protection for such state.”
- “...licenses, certificates, or other permits...shall be deemed licensed, certified, or permitted by the state requesting assistance.”







# What does EMAC do?

## EMAC does:

- Maximizes use of all available resources
- Coordinates deployment of EMAC resources with National Response Plan resources
- Expedites and streamlines delivery of assistance between member states
- Protects state sovereignty
- Provides management and oversight

## EMAC does NOT:

- Replace federal support
- Permit use of National Guard resources for “military” purposes
- Alter operational direction and control
- Support self-deployment



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# Member State Responsibilities

- Educate Emergency Staff & State Agencies on the EMAC Process
- Train A-Team Members on EMAC Operations
- Develop and Maintain Procedures for A-Team Activation
- Develop and Maintain Procedures for Requesting/Providing Assistance
- Evaluate Procedures Through Exercises and After Action Review (AAR)





# Operational Response



# EMAC Cycle

**Governor's Declaration**

**Local or State  
Incident Command**

**Requesting State  
Designated Contact**

- *Mission*
- *Duration*
- *Daily Cost*
- *ICS POC*
- *Staging*
- *Sustainment*

**EMAC Resource  
Provider**

**Assisting State  
Designated Contact**



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# EMAC Requests

- Formal Procedures & Forms In Place
- Resource Types Specified on Request Form (REQ-A)
- Assistance Negotiated Between States
- Signed Request Form = Written Contract
- Reimbursement Guaranteed
- Compact Provisions Apply



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# A-Team

- Deploys at Request of Impacted State
- Operates from Impacted State's EOC or Command and Control Center
- Serves as Liaison Between Responding States, Other EMAC Assisting States and the Impacted State
- Coordinates Assistance Requests Between Impacted State and Other Member States



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# Examples of EMAC Applications

- State/Local EOC Support
- Damage assessment
- Disaster recovery
- Logistics
- Donations management
- Security
- Communications
- Fire fighting
- Aviation support
- Biological/chemical events
- Hazard mitigation
- Community outreach
- Search and rescue
- Debris clearance
- Information & planning
- Public health –  
emergency/medical
- Hazardous materials
- Human services/mass care
- Animal control



**any** capability of member states can  
be shared with member states



# Why IS EMAC Effective?

- Administrative Oversight and support staff
  - Formal Business Protocols
- Solves problems upfront
  - Reimbursement
  - Licensure
  - Liability
- Continuity of Operations
  - Standard Operating Procedures
- Continual Improvement
  - Critiques/Training/Exercises





Total - 2005 EMAC Events	
# of REQ-A Missions:	2,224
Total # of Personnel	66179
Total \$ estimated cost	\$835,959,147.45
# of National Guard Missions:	970
Total National Guard Personnel	46627
Total National Guard \$ estimated cost	\$499,751,581.25
# of State Missions	1,208
Total State Civilian Personnel	19529
Total State Civilian \$ estimated cost	\$336,198,168.11

Stats on Response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita	
Quick Stats By Event:	Total - Katrina & Rita
# of REQ-A Missions:	2,166
Total # of Personnel	65,919
Total \$ estimated cost	\$829,509,207.17
# of REQ-A Missions:	943
Total National Guard Personnel	46488
Total National Guard \$ estimated cost	\$494,556,641.91
# of REQ-A Missions:	1,181
Total State Civilian Personnel	19431
Total State Civilian \$ estimated cost	\$334,952,565.26



# How can MRC fit?

- Work with state emergency management office to see if they have a structure in place that can make them “agents of the state”. Become part of a state team.
- If structure not in place to be agent of the state, MRC’s would be available to deploy under the National Response Plan as Federalized resources.





# Pre-EMAC Deployment Planning

- Organize local resources under state sponsorship for EMAC deployment.
- Define process to deploy local resources as agents of the state.
- Type and credential resources based on NIMS standards.
- Establish a working relationship with your EMAC Designated Contact(s).
- Train and exercise for efficient EMAC deployments.
- Establish daily equipment and personnel costs in advance.
- Build capacity to deploy into substandard living conditions.





# Contact Information

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